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1.(SBU) A/DCM delivered reftel points and draft TIP report narrative to MFA Undersecretary Sheikh Abdulaziz Al Khalifa on June 3. Al Khalifa expressed some disappointment with the watchlist designation, but remained hopeful that continued progress would see further improvement in the ranking next year. He was very pleased to learn of Marietta Dias' selection as a "Hero," saying, "She really deserves it."

12. (SBU) Al Khalifa said that Bahrain will host the follow-up to the Vienna convention on anti-trafficking in the first week of November in cooperation with the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement, and that he had discussed what he saw as Bahrain's shortfalls - the lack of a statistical database, popular confusion about the definition of trafficking, and the need for judicial training - with Fiona El Assuity, of the International Organization for Migration. Al Khalifa also noted that the GOB recently formed the inter-ministerial anti-trafficking committee required by the new anti-trafficking law, and that four NGOs were included on the committee.

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